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SUBJECT: BANQUE BELGE

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1. IN RESPONSE LAST SENTENCE REFTEL, BELGIAN EMBASSY
SUBMITTED AIDE-MEMOIRE APRIL 16 STATING THAT QUOTE (1) ON
SEPTEMBER 15, 1972 THE BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER REPAID
TO THE BANK OF CHINA FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES THE AMOUNT OF
US 10,171,738 DOLLARS. THIS AMOUNT REPRESENTS THE TOTAL
SUMS WHICH WERE DEPOSITED BY THE BANK OF CHINA WITH THE
BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER; (2) THE BANK OF CHINA ORALLY
ASSURED THE BELGIAN BANK AND THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN PEKING
THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES NO LONGER CLAIM THOSE BLOCKED
ASSETS AND THUS WOULD NOT INCLUDE THEM IN A CHINESE-
AMERICAN AGREEMENT. UNQUOTE.

2. WE INDICATED TREASURY RECORDS SHOW TOTAL BLOCKED FUNDS
OF LESS THAN \$10 MILLION AND IN DUE COURSE WE MAY WISH TO
DISCUSS THIS DISCREPANCY WITH THE BELGIANS. KISSINGER

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